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CLAIMS

1. A needle protection device comprising:

- a protector support (20) delimiting a passage for  
5 accepting a syringe body (4);
- a needle protector (22) able to move with respect  
to the protector support (20) between a retracted  
position and a deployed position;
- a compression spring (24) pressing between the  
10 protector support (20) and the needle protector (22);  
and
- retaining means (38, 40, 54) for initially  
restraining the needle protector (22) against the  
action of the compressed spring (24), which means (38,  
15 40; 54) can be released by moving the needle protector  
(22) with respect to the protector support (20) in a  
release direction, characterized in that it comprises  
mechanical immobilizing means (56) for immobilizing the  
needle protector (22) with respect to the protector  
20 support (20) in the release direction when no syringe  
body is present in the passage of the protector  
support, which mechanical immobilizing means (56) can  
be deactivated by engaging a syringe body (4) in the  
passage of the protector support (20).

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2. The needle protection device as claimed in  
claim 1, characterized in that the mechanical  
immobilizing means comprise at least one hook (56)  
secured to a first element chosen from the protector  
30 (22) and the support (20), the or each hook being able  
to be moved between an immobilizing position in  
abutment against the second element chosen from the  
protector (22) and the support (20) when no syringe is  
present and a mobilizing position away from the second  
35 element chosen from the protector (22) and the support  
(20) when a syringe is present, the or each hook (56)  
having an actuating face (56B) actuated by the syringe  
body (4) as it is engaged in the passage of the support

(20) to move the hook (56) from its immobilizing position to its mobilizing position.

3. The needle protection device as claimed in  
5 claim 2, characterized in that the or each hook (56) has a protrusion projecting into the passage of the protector support (20) when the syringe body (4) is not present.

10 4. The needle protection device as claimed in any one of claims 2 and 3, characterized in that the or each hook (56) is secured to the needle protector (22).

15 5. The needle protection device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the or each hook (56) has a cam surface (56B) and the protector support (20) comprises at least one ramp (57) able to collaborate with the or each cam surface (56B) to cause the or each  
20 hook (56) to become effaced on the outside of the protector support (20).

6. The needle protection device as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 5, characterized in that the protector support (20) comprises a distal surface (44B) able to  
25 collaborate with the or each hook (56) to keep the protector (20) in the deployed position.

7. An injection device comprising, on the one hand, a syringe (1) which comprises a needle (6), a tubular  
30 body (4) to the distal end of which a needle (6) is fixed, and an injection piston (8) slidably mounted in the body (4) and, on the other hand, a needle protection device (2) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims.